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CANADIAN PATENT NO. CA 2,114,670 DESCRIBES A METHOD OF COMBINING CORRUGATED CARDBOARD WITH WAX TO FORM A FIRE STARTER.

GERMAN PATENT NO. DE 35 10 969 A1 DESCRIBES AN AUGER DEVICE FOR COMPRESSING MATERIAL INTO A CYLINDRICAL FORM.

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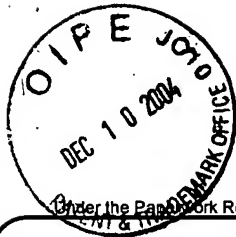
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